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Abstract :

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An information processing apparatus that can adjust the scrolling speed for data displayed in an application window on a display and display a visual scrolling speed indicator. When the user manipulates a mouse to request scrolling of data in a window, the display form of the mouse cursor is changed. That is, in addition to the mouse cursor, one or more speed indicators appears in the scrolling direction. The number of speed indicators which are displayed corresponds to the scrolling speed. The speed indicators are arranged from the center of the mouse cursor in the scrolling direction. A speed indicator is shaped like a small isosceles triangle, and as its vertex is facing in the scrolling direction, it is a very effective visual aid for a user. Preferably, one speed indicator is displayed for a low scrolling speed, two for a moderate scrolling speed and three for a high speed scrolling. Since the speed indicators are extended in the scrolling direction in accordance with the current scrolling speed, a user can intuitively and quantitatively comprehend the scrolling speed and direction. Since the speed indicator is displayed in the vicinity of the mouse cursor, a user does not need to remove his or her eyes from a focus point on the display screen and the continuity of the operation can be maintained.

Object of Invention :

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The present invention relates to an information processing apparatus that permits data entry using a pointing device, such as a mouse, under a GUI (Graphical User Interface) environment, and in particular to an information processing apparatus that can adjust the

scrolling speed for data displayed in a work window of a display.

More specifically, the present invention pertains to an information processing apparatus that can adjust the scrolling speed for data displayed in a work window using a pointing device, and that can visually provide a scrolling speed.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an information processing apparatus that can adjust the scrolling speed for data displayed in an application window on a display (or the total volume to be traveled when scrolling is performed in response to a single scrolling instruction).

An additional object of the present invention is to provide an information processing apparatus that can employ a pointing device to adjust the scrolling speed for data displayed in an application window, and that can set up and display a visual scrolling speed is indicator that enables a user to easily apprehend the scrolling speed.

According to a second aspect of the present invention, an information processing apparatus having a mouse cursor display function comprises:

a display unit for displaying data on a bit mapped display screen; a pointing device having a coordinate displacement input means for inputting a coordinate displacement and having at least one button with which both clicking and releasing operations are permitted; mouse cursor control means for, while a specific button of the pointing device is released, moving a mouse cursor on the display screen in accordance with the coordinate displacement value input through the coordinate displacement input means; scroll control means for, while a specific button of the pointing device is clicked, scrolling the data on the display screen in accordance with the coordinate displacement value input through the coordinate displacement input means; and scrolling speed display means for displaying speed indicators in a number equivalent to a scrolling volume instructed by the coordinate displacement input means while scrolling data on the display screen.

Advantages / Prev.

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The other objects, features, and advantages of the present invention will become apparent in due course during the detailed description of the preferred embodiment of the present invention, which will be given while referring to the accompanying drawings.

As is well known in the art, this causes data in the window to be scrolled in a desired direction.

It can be easily understood that, to resolve this problem, all that is needed is some method by which the current scrolling speed can be indicated.

In other words, it is still difficult to instantly and quantitatively comprehend the scrolling speed.

Independent Claims :

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1. An information processing apparatus having a mouse cursor display function, comprising:

a display unit for displaying data on a bit mapped display screen;

a pointing device for designating a coordinate location on said display screen, and for

directing scrolling and setting a scrolling speed for data displayed on said display screen;

mouse cursor control means for displaying a mouse cursor at a coordinate location on said display screen designated by said pointing device;

scroll control means for scrolling the data on said display screen in accordance with a

display data scrolling instruction from said pointing device; and

scrolling speed display means for displaying a number of speed indicators during scrolling, the number of displayed speed indicators corresponding to a relative scrolling speed set by

said pointing device while scrolling data on said display screen, and arranging the speed indicators in a scrolling direction relative to a center of said mouse cursor.

3. In a computing environment, an enhanced mouse cursor for indicating a direction and a relative speed of scrolling of data displayed in a window on a display screen of an information processing apparatus that designates a coordinate location using a pointing device, said enhanced mouse cursor comprising:

a mouse cursor body located at the coordinate location designated by using said pointing device; and

one or more speed indicators displayed in a number corresponding to a scrolling speed while scrolling data on said display screen, wherein said mouse cursor body does not move during scrolling, and the number of speed indicators displayed corresponds to a speed at which a user is moving the pointing device.

7. A control method for an information processing apparatus having a mouse cursor display function, said apparatus including a display unit for displaying data on a bit mapped display screen, and a pointing device for designating a coordinate location on said display screen and for directing scrolling and setting a scrolling speed of data displayed on said display screen, said control method comprising the steps of:

(a) displaying a mouse cursor at a coordinate location on said display screen designated by said pointing device;

(b) scrolling data on said display screen in accordance with a display data scrolling instruction from said pointing device; and

(c) displaying speed indicators in a number corresponding to a scrolling speed set by said pointing device while scrolling data on said display screen, and displaying the speed indicators in a scrolling direction relative to a center of said mouse cursor.

8. Computer readable code stored on computer readable storage medium and executable by a computer system that includes a display unit for displaying data on a bit mapped display screen' and a pointing device for designating a coordinate location on said display screen and for directing scrolling and setting a scrolling speed for data displayed on said display screen, said code comprising:

(a) a routine for displaying a mouse cursor at a coordinate location on said display screen designated by said pointing device;

(b) a routine for scrolling data on said display screen in accordance with a display data scrolling instruction from said pointing device; and

(c) a routine for modifying the mouse cursor to include speed indicators in a number which corresponds to a relative scrolling speed set by said pointing device while scrolling data on said display screen and displaying the speed indicators in a scrolling direction relative to a center of said mouse cursor.

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